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SUBJ: US BOATS BUYING FISHING LICENSES FOR ECUADOR

1. MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS YESTERDAY (FEBRUARY 6TH) ISSUED PRESS RELEASE REPORTING THAT THREE US FISHING BOATS HAD BOUTH MATRICULAS (A PRELICENSING REGISTRATION PROCEDURE) FROM THE ECUADOREAN CONSULATE IN PANAMA. THE THREE BOATS WERE IDENTIFIED AS THE A) "KING OSCAR," 450 NRT; B) "MARJORIE R," 462 NRT; C) "SANDRA C," 462 NRT. PURCHASE OF THE MATRICULAS IS AN INDICATION OF INTENT ON THE PART OF THE BOATS TO BUY LICENSES IF AND WHEN THEY DECIDE THEY ACTUALLY WANT TO FISH IN ECUADOREAN CLAIMED WATERS.

2. IN A RELATED DEVELOPMENT, AMBASSADOR, WHILE IN SALINAS YESTERDAY TALKING TO US FISHING BOAT CAPTAINS, WAS TOLD THAT US BOATS DETAINED IN SALINAS HAVE HEARD OVER THEIR RADIOS THAT OTHER US BOATS IN THIS AREA EITHER HAVE BOUGHT OR ARE BUYING LICENSES TO FISH. A NUMBER OF THE SKIPPERS WERE GRUMBLING ABOUT THIS "BREACH OF FAITH" AND ABOUT BEIG LEFT OUT ON A LIMB BY THEIR COLLEAGUES.
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